

is not as encouraging. A hearing scheduled for last Friday, at which Wasatch County officials had been invited to testify before the joint

committee about the dangerous conditions at the intersection, was postponed until Jan. 31.

Nelson said overhead lighting with be installed and a section for

Governor Gives Creeper Support

There are still no new, definite reports on the progress toward getting Legislative support for the State buying out The Heber Creeper. However, a letter from Gov. Norm Bangerter, dated Dec. 29, has been made public by the Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce, assuring his own support.

The letter was written before the Jan. 3 public hearing where hundreds of Wasatch County citizens and officials, as well as people from outside the County, turned out to plead for the State to invest money to save the historic railroad. So it can be assumed that the Governor's support is even stronger now.

In his letter, addressed to the Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Governor said the State Director of Transportation, Eugene Findlay, was chairman of a task force formed to study and make recommendations on the alternatives for saving The Creeper.

He said the task force "has spent

considerable time and effort on the project, strong support has been forthcoming from our State Historical Society and from the Utah Department of Transportation, as well as this [the Governor's] office. It should also be clear to you that the strongest support should be coming from Wasatch County (and, indeed, your Commissioners are very supportive) and from those legislators who represent the Wasatch County."

Following the hearing, Doug Bischoff, who represents the Governor, enthusiastically said he would take a positive report back to the Governor on the community support that he was looking for. The legislators have also expressed determination to appropriate the money necessary to purchase the train, now that they know their constituents are behind them.

Another letter, from the Sacramento Valley Historical Railways,

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State Politicians Get Snowmobile Tour of Strawberry Area

Governor Norm Bangerter, State legislators and their families were treated to snowmobile rides and lunch in the Strawberry Valley last Saturday. The sponsors of the event, the U.S. Forest Service, State Division of Parks and Recreation, and the Utah Snowmobile Association hoped to demonstrate the importance of developing and promoting winter sports in the Strawberry Valley, said Dennis Jensen, recreation supervisor for the Uintah National Forest.

Some 300 visitors met at the capital building and were taken by bus to Strawberry. They were provided with appropriate warm clothing and safety equipment for their hour-long snowmobile rides. After everyone had a ride, they were invited to have "seconds," and there was tubing for the kids. The sponsors kept coffee, hot chocolate and

and that they hoped to strengthen their partnership because of some of the things they want to accomplish together, as winter sports activities increase in the valley.

One of their first goals is to create five parking lots, each with space for 50 vehicles with trailers, along U. S. 40 next summer, he said. But snow removal is expensive and he hopes to get some money appropriated for Utah Department of Transportation crews to remove the snow from the parking lots.

The problem has been that without adequate parking, recreationists must park along the highway, causing hazards for traffic and making snow removal on the highway very difficult. Jensen said there already are traffic bottlenecks and with the increasing interest in winter sports around Strawberry, like

